Agenda Item Form

Departmental Concerns:

Agenda Date: 09/07/04 Districts Affected: All Districts Dept. Head/Contact Information: Jennifer Nielsen/El Paso Museum of History, 532-1707 ext. 22 Type of Agenda Item: **⊠**Resolution ☐ Staffing Table Changes ☐Board Appointments ☐Tax Installment Agreements ☐Tax Refunds Donations ☐Budget Transfer RFP/ BID/ Best Value Procurement ☐ Item Placed by Citizen ☐Application for Facility Use ☐Introduction of Ordinance ☐Bldg. Permits/Inspection ☐Interlocal Agreements ☐ Contract/Lease Agreement ☐ Grant Application Other _____ **Funding Source:** ☐General Fund Grant (duration of funds: ____ Months) Other Source: ____ Legal: ☐ Legal Review Required Attorney Assigned (please scroll down): None ☐ Approved ☐ Denied Timeline Priority: □High # of days:____ ☐Medium Low Why is this item necessary: To accept donation Explain Costs, including ongoing maintenance and operating expenditures, or Cost Savings: **None Statutory or Citizen Concerns:**

EL PASO MUSEUM OF HISTORY

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September 1, 2004

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Becky Duval Reese

RE: Donation

In honor of their 100th anniversary of legal service to the El Paso Community, the Mounce, Green, Myers, Safi, and Galatzan Law Firm wishes to donate \$15,000 in "seed money" for an exhibit at the new El Paso Museum of History covering the Legal History of El Paso.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Director of Museums be authorized to receive and accept a donation from the law firm of Mounce, Green, Myers, Safi & Galatzan, P.C., in the total amount of \$15,000.00. This donation would constitute "seed money" for an exhibit at the new El Paso Museum of History covering the Legal History of El Paso. The Director of Museums shall further be authorized to sign a donation agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the donation. (All Districts.)

ADOPTED this7 th day	y of <u>September</u> , 2004.
	THE CITY OF EL PASO
	Joe Wardy Mayor
ATTEST:	Mayor
Richarda Duffy Momsen City Clerk	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Jøhn F. Nance

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Becky Duval Reese Director of Museums

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August 19, 2004

Via Hand Delivery

Becky Duvall Reese, Director El Paso Museum of Art One Arts Festival Plaza El Paso, Texas 79901

Jennifer E. Nielsen, Director El Paso Museum of History c/o El Paso Museum of Art One Arts Festival Plaza El Paso, Texas 79901

Re: Legal History Exhibit for El Paso Museum of History

Dear Becky & Jennifer:

This will follow up on our prior meetings and most recent meeting on July 27, 2004. On behalf of the Firm, I am pleased and honored to confirm that the Firm will contribute the total sum of \$15,000 for the "seed money," or starting funds, for a Legal History of El Paso Exhibit at the new El Paso Museum of History. We recognize that this modest contribution, though it is very significant and important to us, will not cover all the costs and expenses for the exhibit. Nevertheless, this confirms that, for purposes of recognition at the El Paso Museum of History, the contributions of this Firm will be most prominently displayed and associated with this exhibit.

This will also confirm that, although the Museum will make final decisions as to what material to include in a legal history exhibit, the Museum will, from time-to-time, as appropriate, consult with this firm on issues related to the design, construction and development of such exhibit for quality assurance purposes, and that the Museum will design and create a thoughtful, tasteful, and interesting exhibit.

This will also confirm that I have contacted the judges and have asked for their assistance and input. This will also confirm that it is both appropriate and welcome for the Museum to



contact other members of the El Paso community to solicit their input and resources to make the legal history exhibit the best exhibit possible.

This will also confirm that we will present an enlarged check in the amount of \$15,000, for viewing purposes, at the August 26 reception. However, this also confirms that funding is not necessary immediately, as the exhibit staff has yet to be selected, and that the Firm may fund this amount on a periodic basis, as is deemed appropriate by the Museum and the Firm, prior to the completion of the exhibit.

This will also confirm that we are holding our Firm centennial reception on Thursday, August 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This will also confirm that we have asked for just a few remarks from each of you, for a few moments, concerning this project.

This will also confirm that you will have available some graphic depictions of the Museum or other matters that we can use as a visual display.

If this letter of understanding accurately reflects the terms that we have discussed, please sign below where indicated.

We are thrilled to be a part of this program and we sincerely hope that it will be a worthy contribution to our new museum.

With best regards,

Mark C. Walker

For the Firm

MCW/ldr

EL PASO MUSEUM OF ART

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